GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES
AKHILESH YADAV

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the improvement in the medical facilities and setting up new hospitals;

(b) if so, the total funds provided by World Bank so far in this regard;

(c) whether only rich people are provided medical facilities in these hospitals constructed with the said assistance while general public is neglected;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore;

(e) whether the Government propose to issue any directions in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has approved an assistance of US $ 110 million (approx. Rs.495 crores) for the Uttar Pradesh Health Systems Development Project.The objective of the project is to establish a well-managed health system which delivers more effective services through policy reforms, institutional development and investment health services. No new hospital has been proposed under the project and only renovation and strengthening of existing 35 Male District Hospitals, 32 District Female Hospitals, 35 Community Health Centres and 50 Block Primary Health Centres is to be undertaken.

(c) No, Sir. As now new hospital has been constructed or proposed under the World Bank credit, the question does not arise of providing treatment to economically well off classes only and ignoring the common man. On the contrary, clear guidelines have been issued to exempt persons living below the poverty line from paying user charges.

(d) to (f) Question does not arise.